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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT Draft Massachusetts Exceptional Events Demonstration May 2016 Fort McMurray Wildfire

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), acting in accordance with 40 CFR 50.14(c)(3), will hold a 30-day public comment period on the Draft Massachusetts Exceptional Events Demonstration. On May 25-26, 2016 MassDEP measured ozone levels at the Ware and Chicopee monitors that exceeded the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). During this same period, smoke from the Fort McMurray wildfire in Alberta, Canada, affected these monitors. In accordance with 40 CFR 50.14, *Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events*, MassDEP has prepared a draft Exceptional Events Demonstration that shows that the Fort McMurray wildfire affected ozone concentrations at the Ware and Chicopee monitors on May 25 and 26, 2016, and that these data should be excluded from determinations of exceedances and violations of the ozone NAAQS.

MassDEP will accept written comments on the draft Exceptional Events Demonstration until 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2017. Written comments may be submitted by email (preferred) or mail to:

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The draft Demonstration is available at: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/

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